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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES RELATING TO MANUFACTURING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) The State Board of
2 Education, upon receipt of a proper application, shall issue an initial
3 educator certificate, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-
4 145b of the general statutes, to any applicant in the certification
5 endorsement area of occupational subjects in vocational-technical
6 schools who has completed five years of experience in the field for
7 which the certificate is to be endorsed, which may include up to five
8 years of apprenticeship or specialized schooling.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) Not later than July 1,
10 2018, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall,
11 in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, issue a notice of
12 intent to adopt regulations fully consistent with the Hazardous Waste
13 Generator Improvements Rule, as published in the Federal Register of
14 November 28, 2016, except for any proposed modifications deemed
15 necessary by the commissioner, in accordance with subsection (h) of
16 section 22a-6 of the general statutes.

17 (b) If the commissioner is unable to fully comply with the provisions
18 of subsection (a) of this section before July 1, 2018, the Hazardous
19 Waste Generator Improvements Rule described in subsection (a) of this
20 section shall be the standard pertaining to hazardous waste generators
21 in the state until the commissioner adopts regulations as described in
22 said subsection (a).

23 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2018, the
24 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall develop a plan to (1)
25 expand the number of evening, weekend and online courses offered
26 under programs at Central Connecticut State University granting the
27 degrees or certifications required for faculty of manufacturing
28 program courses in the regional community-technical college system;
29 (2) develop and offer such programs at Charter Oak State College; and
30 (3) offer online courses in the field of mechatronics at Central
31 Connecticut State University and the regional community-technical
32 college system.

33 (b) Not later than January 1, 2018, the board shall submit such plan
34 and any recommendations for legislation relating to such plan to the
35 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
36 of matters relating to commerce and higher education, in accordance
37 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

38 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
39 develop a program to train inmates in the custody of the
40 Commissioner of Correction for jobs in the manufacturing field.

41 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

42 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
43 one who is a manufacturing teacher employed by a college or
44 university in this state and one who has experience providing job
45 training to inmates;

46 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one

47 who is a manufacturing teacher employed at a technical high school in
48 this state and one who is a representative of a manufacturing
49 association in the state;

50 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
51 Representatives, who is an owner or manager of a manufacturing
52 company with fewer than one hundred employees;

53 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is an
54 owner or manager of a manufacturing company with one hundred or
55 more employees;

56 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
57 Representatives, who is a representative of an association of
58 manufacturers;

59 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
60 representative from a private education institution with a
61 manufacturing program;

62 (7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
63 or the commissioner's designee;

64 (8) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee; and

65 (9) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's
66 designee.

67 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
68 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
69 of the General Assembly.

70 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
71 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
72 filled by the appointing authority.

73 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president

74 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
 75 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
 76 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
 77 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

78 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
 79 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
 80 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

81 (g) Not later than January 1, 2018, the task force shall submit a
 82 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
 83 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 84 relating to commerce and labor, in accordance with the provisions of
 85 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
 86 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2018, whichever is
 87 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) decrease the number of years of employment experience an applicant seeking teacher certification for a position at a technical high school shall complete from eight years to five years, (2) require the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to adopt regulations consistent with the federal Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule, (3) require the Board of Regents for Higher Education to develop a plan to offer certain manufacturing related courses across the state, and (4) establish a task force to develop a program to train inmates for jobs in the manufacturing field.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]